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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 38th meeting held on 7 August at 1000 hours in room 1521, Barton Hall.

Present:

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[redacted] O/SI - Chairman

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[redacted] O/SI - Secretary

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1. [redacted] introduced [redacted] and [redacted] O/C, and briefly reviewed for them the purpose and history of the Committee.

2. [redacted] reported the completion of [redacted] tour of duty with NSA for the purpose of assessing the proposed collocation of RSB/SR with NSA at Ft. Meade. He will write a staff study as a result, making recommendations for future action. The Chairman indicated that the Committee would be willing to add its comments in view of its past concern with the subject.

3. The RSB now has the 600,000 cards from ATIC containing the Radio Frequency Record of the ITU; it is now RSB's responsibility to keep up with the changes. This file will be particularly useful to the preparatory committee for the 1959 Telecommunications Conference.

4. The Chairman suggested the advisability of RSB providing a briefing on its activities and capabilities for the benefit of higher echelons in CIA and offered the good offices of the Committee and its Secretary to assist in planning. [redacted] concurred.

5. The procedures reported to IOTAC in May by which the Broadcast Evaluation Section can obtain much of its statistical calculations by IBM rather than by hand calculations are now in effect.

6. Embassy monitoring of broadcast intelligibility has been requested by CIA, through State, [redacted] has replied favorably. Schedules for monitoring specific broadcasts in each place are to be prepared monthly by O/SI.

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7. [REDACTED] reported that the Committee paper transmitted through [REDACTED] to the DCI on Embassy Monitoring was given to the OCB Board Assistants on 21 June, by request of the Director, in order to provide material for the Board Assistants to brief their principals preparatory to a discussion with the Director. USIA has suggested slight amplification of the recommendations which were satisfactory. State has not yet commented on the paper. It was pointed out that the actions to implement the recommendations in this paper are going forward anyway as per paragraph 6 above. OCB may appoint a subcommittee to oversee the implementation of the plan. No further action by the IOTAC is indicated at this time. No recent information was available as to the status of action on the USCIB requirements for technicians in the embassies.

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8. [REDACTED] noted receipt of information that a review of Soviet capabilities to jam Defense Department's long-range communications is currently being made for the JCS.

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9. [REDACTED] also reported on plans for a meeting in Paris, immediately following the Schramm meeting in September, between [REDACTED] of O/SI and Iron Curtain Embassy personnel involved in a program of detection of jamming stations. The purpose of the meeting is to exchange up-to-date information and improve techniques of jammer observation. The meeting is outside the plans for the Schramm conference and is not, therefore, a part of the considerations for OSI attendance at the Schramm conference. The latter question is still undecided by the Radio Policy Committee.

10. It was noted that there is a renewed interest in U.S.-Soviet exchange visits in the electronic field. The EIC has prepared a paper on the subject for the guidance of the IAC subcommittee on exchanges.

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11. The Committee also noted the [REDACTED] series of reports by NSA. It was generally felt that this may be a major step forward in the old question of release of "technical information." It was agreed, therefore, to defer the assessment of the NSA program on [REDACTED] series, in this regard, until a number of reports are produced and analyzed.

12. The 2nd of October was selected for the next meeting of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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